

A CASE FOR BROTHER HUEY

The wanton slaying of a white man by Los Angeles pigs recently presents a case for Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton, and show a reckless disregard for human life inherent in the attitudes and acts of the assassins in blue.

When Brother Huey was accused of killing one of Oakland's paid assassins during an obvious attempt by them to assassinate him, no one dared believe that cops would shoot one another while acting in a ruthless and reckless fashion. When the question as to whether Brother Huey killed whether the cops actually shot one another and wounded the brother in their effort to murder him because of his revolutionary stance, which posed a serious threat to the reactionary, imperialistic United States, few dared think it and apparently none dared believe it. Those doubtful persons should now reevaluate the circumstances surrounding Brother Huey's plight, especially in view of the L.A. slaying, for this murder raises some very serious and definite questions and should better serve to give greater insight into the psychology at work in the fascist police departments of America; the impulsive desire to kill.

In the L.A. killing, which occurred June 11, 29-year-old Donald Lee Oughton, a white man, was gunned down as he apparently sought to produce identification for

two fascist pigs who stopped him allegedly as a suspect in reported sniping on the Hollywood freeway. Early reports had it that Oughton had exchanged gunfire with blue-clad assassins who had gone to an overpass, where a sniper reportedly had fired rifle shots at passing cars, but it was later determined that Oughton was unarmed.

Oughton had apparently been rushing home to view a regular weekly wrestling program on television when the two pigs, Norman P. O'Malley and rookie cop Henry Kennedy, spotted him rushing along several blocks from the freeway.

"All of a sudden, without any apparent notice, he slowed to a walk," a spokesman for the assassins said. When ordered to do so, Oughton stopped and approached O'Malley and Kennedy, who alighted from their car and positioned themselves about him.

Oughton is reported to have turned and reached for his back pocket.

"Watch out, he's got a gun!" rookie Kennedy is to have yelled, without ever seeing a weapon or anything that appeared to be one. At this Kennedy drew and fired, missing Oughton and striking O'Malley in the left index finger. O'Malley was standing behind Oughton--O'Malley should have been able to see that the man had no gun--and Kennedy in front of him.



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DONALD L. OUGHTON
The victim

O'Malley pulled his gun and shot Oughton dead, reportedly believing that Oughton had shot him.

The slain man's mother said her son always carried a card in his pocket with his name and address on it because of a speech handicap he had. She said he must have been reaching for it when he was slain.

"My son doesn't own a gun, and

never carried a gun," she said. A search of the area turned up neither a gun nor evidence of a sniper.

One need not be prejudiced in half of the Black Panther Minister of Defense, or be down on cops to see that there are very similar aspects in this case and that of Brother Huey. One need only look at the proven weaknesses of the nation's police system, a system that has been recently recognized by some men in government as a growing and most threatening political force in the life of America. This always comes about prior to an all out fascist take-over, as is apparent here in the Huey P. Newton case, the slaying of Martin Luther King Jr., and the persecution and murder of Malcolm X, and the persecution and attempted murder of the Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, Eldridge Cleaver, all of which threatened the smooth success of the total advent of fascism. On the eve of fascism, the fascists always become much more daring in their acts against the people because there stands none to oppose them, and those who do stand in opposition are either silenced or killed. Witness what is happening to the Black Panther Party on a national scale.